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SUBJECT: FIFTH COMMITTEE - OCTOBER 24, 1975 MEETING

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1. SUMMARY: AT ITS 1721ST MEETING ON OCTOBER 24, FIFTH COMMITTEE APPROVED EXCHANGE OF PEROPERTY BETWEEN GENEVA AND UN, AND BEGAN DISCUSSION OF STANDARD OF ACCOMMODATION OF OFFICIAL TRAVEL OF UN STAFF BY AIR, AS WELL AS SECTIONS 5A (DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS) AND 5B (INFORMATION AND RESEARCH CENTER FOR TRANS-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS). GHANA WAS ELECTED TO BOARD OF AUDITORS. DISCUSSION WILL RESUME MONDAY P.M. ON 5(A), 5(B), STANDARD OF TRAVEL, HONORARIA, USES OF EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS, WITH SEVERAL OTHER ITEMS ON AGENDA FOR LATER IN WEEK. END SUMMARY

2. EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY BETWEEN ETAT DE GENEVE AND UN. COMMITTEE APPROVED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY BY CONSENSUS AFTER HEARING ANOTHER QUIBBLING STATEMENT BY ALGERIA, TO WHICH ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL OF UN OFFICE/GENEVA, COIDAN, REPLIED.

3. STANDARD OF ACCOMMODATION OF OFFICAL TRAVEL OF UN STAFF BY AIR. ALGEIRA ASKED FOR DEFERRAL OF THIS ITEM SINCE IT WAS STILL CONSULTING WITH OTHER DELS ABOUT A POSSIBLE DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH
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EVIDENTLY WILL PROPOSE THAT ECONOMY CLASS BE REQUIRED ON SHORT

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HAULS OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO NOW GO FIRST CLASS. NOTED THAT THREE HOUR AND 12-14 HOUR FLIGHTS POSE ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PROBLEMS.

4. SECTION 5B - INFORMATIONA AND RESERACH CENTER ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS.
NETHERLANDS ASKED WHAT COUNTRIES BESIDES ITSELF HAD ALREADY MADE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO CENTER. USSR SUPPORTED CENTER BUT COMPLAINED ABOUT AMOUNT REQUESTED; IT CALLED FOR ADHERENCCE TO PRINCIPLE OF EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION IN HIRING CENTER PERSONNEL AND PARTICULARLY ASKED THAT SOVIETS BE HIRED. ECUADOR ASKED SOME TEHCNICAL AND PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS AND ALSO SUPPORTED EQUITABLE GEOGRPAHIC DISTRIBUTION. DECISION DEFERRED UNTIL SECRETARIAT COULD REPLY TO ECUADOR.

5. SECTION 5A - (DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS)
BRAZIL STRONGLY RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF ENTIRE AMOUNT OF $42.7 MILLION PROPOSED BY SYG. US (STOTTLEMYER), PER INSTRUCTIONS IN REFAIR AND REFTEL, CONTENDED THAT ESA COULD WITHOUT SACRIFICING ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT TAKE A DEEPER CUT THAN ACABQ RECOMMENDED, SUGGESTING A REDUCTION OF $1.8 MILLION FROM SYG PROPOSAL. US HOWEVER POINTED OUT HIGH PRIORITY IT ATTACHES TO WORK OF CSDHA AND ESPECIALLY ITS PROMOTION OF EQUALITY OF MEN AND WOMEN BRANCH, NOTING THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF IWY PLAN OF ACTION MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES. COPY OF STATEMENT POUCHED DEPARTMENT (IO-MOREY/HENNES). USSR ECHOED MANY OF US SENTIMENTS, PARTICULARY DUPLICATION AS BETWEEN OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND UNESCO, APPLAUDED US RECOMMENDATION FOR GREATER REDUCTION THAN ACABQ HAD PROPOSED, AND STATED IT WOULD VOTE AGAINST APPROPRIATION AS REDUCED BY ACABQ. FRANCE AND PHILIPPINES PROPOSED THAT COMMITTEE TAKE UP SECTION 5A PART BY PART AS IT HAD DONE WITH SECTION 22, AND CHAIRMAN AGREED THIS COULD BE DONE NEXT WEEK. BUDGET DIRECTOR LAVAU MADE A FEW RATHER FEEBLE REPLIED TO POINTS RAISED BY US.

6. ELECTION TO BOARD OF AUDITORS
OUTCOME OF VOTE BY SECRET BALLOT WAS GHANA 55 (US); BANGLADESH-31, SRI LANKA - 14; ABSTENTIONS - 2.

7. WORK PROGRAM FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 27-31
CHAIRMAN CANCELLED AFTERNOON MEETING AND ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING
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SCHEDULE
OF WORK FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 27-31 (FIRST MEETING OCTOBER 27P.M.); HONORARIA; USE OF EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS; CONCLUDE BUDGET SECTIONS 5(A), 5(B), AND 22 (LATTER IS PENDING ONLY BELGIAN DECISION ON WHETHER TO TABLE RES CUTTING BACK AMS); BEGIN SECTION 21 AS WELL AS ITEM ON PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES; TAKE UP AGENDA ITEM 99(JIU) AND 100(PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTATION); AND BUDGET SECTIONS 23, 24, 25, 26. ELECTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON

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CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE HELD DURING THE LATTER PART OF WEEK.
FINALLY, COMMITTEE WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER UNEF/UNDOF FINANCING,
AND CHAIRMAN SAID HE BELIEVED A ONE-MONTH INTERIM RESOLUTION
WILL BE NECESSARY AS IT WAS LAST YEAR SINCE SYG REPORT WITH
ESTIMATES IS NOT OUT YET AND SCARCELY LIKELY IT COULD COME OUT
AND ACABQ HAVE TIME TO ACT ON IT BEFORE END
OF WEEK. IRAQ URGED THAT UNEF/UNDOF DOCUMENTATION BE MADE
AVAILABLE TO COMMITTEE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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